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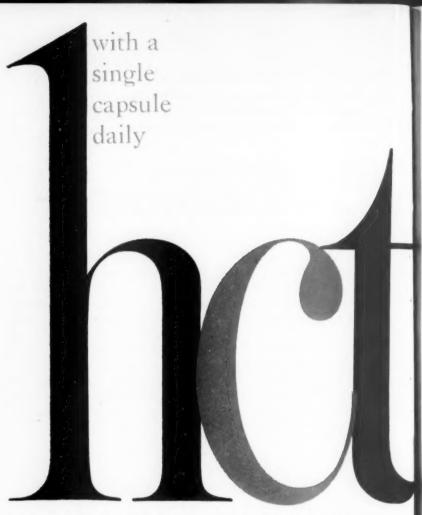
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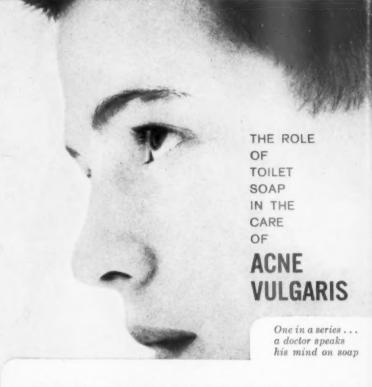
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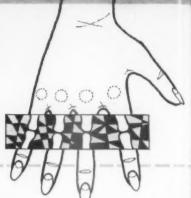
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DEAR EDITOR: At nurses' meetings here in the Texas Panhandle, our members have discussed Dr. Ginzberg's two-part article, "Is Nursing Really a Profession?"

We reacted to Part One with resentment. But after Part Two appeared, we realized that the article was challenging us to improve and strengthen our profession.

Needless to say, we're unanimous in our opinion that nursing is—and always will be—a profession. But we're also agreed that we must constantly be alert to the need for better professional standards and for more than "book education."

Thanks for prompting us to take a new look at nursing. The article stimulated our interest and produced thought-provoking questions and answers. We feel we gained a great deal by discussing it.

Betty Lipscomb, R.N. President, District 23 Texas Graduate Nurses' Association Phillips, Tex.

TEAMWORK

DEAR EDITOR: In your May issue, lise Wolff explained how the nurse can best answer the patient who asks, "Do I have cancer?"

I suggest that the nurse tell the physician in charge about the patient's fears. The nurse can then find out what the doctor has told the patient; and the doctor, in turn, can learn what the nurse has said.

Teamwork—in this situation as in others—is important for the patient's best interests.

W. Alan Wright, M.D. Montelair, N.J.

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DEAR EDITOR: Re your August article about the R.N. partnership that has worked out so well for two part-time nurses at our hospital:

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Bernice Rosenberg, R.N. Los Angeles, Calif.

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The settlement ended a long dispute between the association and Local 1199 of the Drug and Hospital Employes' Union. The union had maintained that the grievance committee—set up last year after a forty-six-day strike at seven hospitals—was weighted in favor of hospital management.

In exchange for the hospital association's concession, the union made a five-year "no-strike" pledge. But union leaders made it clear they wouldn't feel obligated to keep members at work in any member hospital that, in the future, rejected a grievance committee recommendation.

Vitamin E Helps Prevent Abortion, M.D. Finds

A Canadian physician challenges the long-held theory that a doctor shouldn't try to stop spontaneous abortion because most fetuses thus lost are abnormal.

The physician, Dr. Evan V. Shute of London, Ont.. contends that fetal loss can and should be prevented, and that most fetuses thus saved are *not* abnormal.

Alpha-tocopherol—a source of vitamin E—is, he says, "at least as effective as any reported therapeutic agent in the management of threatened abortion."

About 10 per cent of all diagnosed pregnancies end in spontaneous abortion, says Dr. Shute. But among his own OB patients—all of whom were given vitamin E as soon as pregnancy was recognized—abortion and miscarriage together totaled only 3.2 per cent over the past twenty-five years.

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tion or miscarriage, only thirteen were anomalous. Six died. "Surely these anomalies," says Dr. Shute, "were not too high a price to pay for the lives of 182 normal children."

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¶ Establish a coronary-care unit in every hospital.

¶ Staff each unit with a team that includes an interne, an anesthetist, and a nurse-specialist.

¶ Authorize team members to take needed emergency measures (such as heart massage) without asepsis, if necessary. ("Not a second is to be wasted with gloves, towels, and the like. We can clear up infection, but we cannot clear up death.")

¶ After emergency treatment, start hypothermia to slow down the metabolic rate. If needed, keep the patient in a hibernation-like state for several days until the heart can resume its normal workload.

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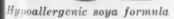
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According to the Chicago Sun-Times, a spokesman for the Chicago Council on Community Nursing recommends that "girls who want a professional career in nursing attend a four-year school of nursing that is an integral part of a university." There are only three such N.L.N.-accredited programs in the Chicago area, the Sun-Times says.

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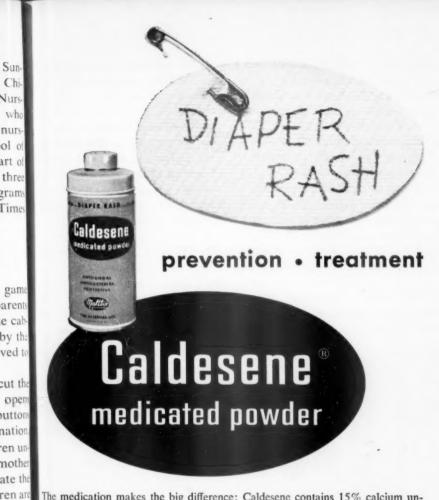
P.N. School Admissions Show Uptrend

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show that schools of practical nursing gained 2,000 new students in 1959 over 1958 while schools of professional nursing gained only 446. (The totals: practicals, 23,-500; professionals, 47,797.)

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"Everybody has a voice in nursing education—except us," contends a New Jersey R.N., citing this example: Recently the state nursing board suggested changes in the curriculum of hospital schools. The state hospital association didn't like the changes. So it consulted the state medical society. Together, the two organizations offered substitute proposals—without bothering to consult any nursing organization.

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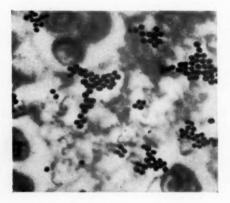
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2. Rattne M.: Derni RN enthusiastically endorses these planks, but RN is alarmed that neither party carries its concern for the health needs of the American people one further—and even more necessary—step. Neither party takes a stand that would help ease the nurse shortage.

Once again the nurse is forgotten in the nation's medical planning.

Recently Ralph E. Snyder,

M.D., President and Dean of the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City, said: "... this shortage . . . is of great concern, not only to those of us who are an integral part of the health professions but, indeed, to all members of our national, state, and local communities because in the area of health, unlike taxes, there are no exemptions . . . To understand the effect of the nursing shortage on patient-care, it is necessary to define the role of the nurse. The health team led by the physician is composed of many important members. Next to the physician, the nurse is the most important member and in many ways is often more important than the physician." (Italics are ours.)

We agree with Dr. Snyder. It is highly important that the present unsatisfactory ratio of 268 professional nurses per 100,000 population be increased as soon as possible to at least 300-preferably to 350. To achieve even the *minimum* increase needed. the nation must produce more than 380,000 diploma graduates and 180,000 baccalaureate graduates by 1970. This can be done only if 20 per cent more girls enter diploma programs and 33 per cent more enter baccalaureate programs than at present. Thus, money for additional scholarships and facilities must be made available. And the major source of this money must be the Federal Government.

The legislative program of the American Nurses' Association calls for support of two bills now in Congress. Each bill would, in some measure, help alleviate the present nurse shortage. The first, the Humphrey-Green Bill, provides funds—both to R.N.s and would-be student nurses—for full-time study toward baccalaureate degrees in nursing. The second, the Roberts Bill, authorizes Federal grants to assist states in strengthening professional nurse education through a fund-matching program.

RN believes that, in this political year, every nurse should get behind these and similar bills. We believe that, with a closely contested national election coming, vote-conscious politicians will give you a hearing.

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So drive your point home to your local Congressional candidates. At the same time, sound them out, so you'll know what to expect of them before you go to the polls on November 8.

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On his second day at our hospital, 7-year-old Tommy wrote a card to his mother:

"Gee, this is a wonderful place. Everyone treats me swell. I have a bed to myself. So has everyone except the night nurse. She sleeps in a chair."

—MARGARET SPILLAN, R.N.

Caring for Colostomy and Ileostomy Patients

BY DIANE SEIDE, R.N.

The post-op colostomy patient waits fearfully for the nurse to arrive and change his dressing. What a messy job, he thinks. He'll never get used to changing the dressing himself . . . Why did this have to happen to him?

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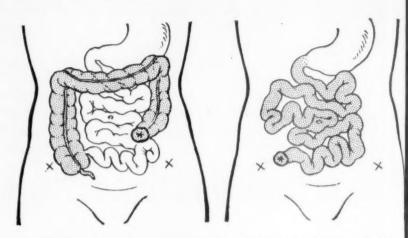
In the same ward another patient waits to go to the O.R. He's scheduled for an ileostomy. He reaches for the bedpan. He hates to keep calling the nurse every time he needs it, for he needs it practically all the time.

He too is fearful. But, he thinks wryly, after his operation he'll at last be rid of the bedpan—and for good...

The experienced R.N. knows that both these patients need

skillful nursing care. She knows that, equally important, they need special emotional support in adjusting to the radical change their operation makes in their lives. Because she is experienced, she's able to meet the needs of both patients, confidently and competently.

But what of the R.N. who's on private duty, or at a small hospital, or temporarily inactive? She's seldom called on to give colostomy or ileostomy care. When she is, she may find herself at a loss to recall such points as (1) the major differences between these two operations, (2) the emotional needs of her patients, and (3) the special tech-



THE SIGMOID AND RECTUM are removed in a typical colostomy (left). In typical ileostomy, the colon and a segment of distal ileum are remove

niques that are being used in caring for them.

Here, in review, are up-to-theminute facts covering these points and others.

▶ The causes, and the operations.

Colostomy: This is made necessary by mechanical obstruction of the lower bowel, as by a malignant tumor or an inflammatory mass.

The surgeon pulls a short length of colon through the wall of the abdomen, thus providing a stoma (opening) for intestinal drainage. The colostomy may be temporary-for example, to divert the fecal stream until the

more distal bowel has healed ulling Or, in cases where abdoming al wal perineal resection has been ned sing the essary, it will be permanent.

lleostomy: In 95 per cent the cases, ulcerative colitis is the basic condition. This disease ten provokes uncontrollable arrhea. The colon's lining b comes severely ulcerated. Set ous hemorrhage or perforation may result. Ileostomy and cole tomy may be necessary whent condition is not otherwise ma ageable. Since the Thirties, operation's mortality rate dropped from 30 to 8 per cent

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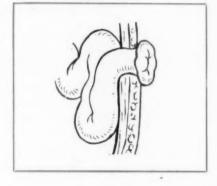
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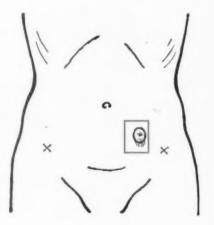
Ileostomy: Here the waste is a liquid that contains active digestive enzymes. It's allowed to drain constantly. The skin is protected to prevent its digestion by the enzymes.

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COLOSTOMY AND ILEOSTOMY PATIENTS

▶ The preoperative condition of the patient.

Colostomy: Any one of a number of conditions may make this operation necessary, among them especially cancer of the distal colon or rectum. Generally the patient will have been ill for a relatively short time. Some me treme not be incapacitated except in often lack of adequate bowel function Others may be severely ill from be ma the debilitating effects of bow obstruction.

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Basic Differences Between A Colostomy and an Ileostomy

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Location of stoma:	The colon	The ileum
Type of discharge:	Solid or semisolid feces	Liquid. irritating, sma bowel content
Regulation and management:	Diet and irrigation	Low residue diet and ileostomy bag
Restrictions on the patient:	May return to work and other normal activities (if radical surgery for cancer has been per- formed, sexual potency and/or fertility may be impaired in the male)	Same (sexual poten and/or fertility are a affected except in asm percentage of males w have had the rectumn moved)

e me tremely ill prior to operation. He pt is often will have had ulcerative coactio litis for some time. So he may fro be malnourished, exhausted, and bow nervous.

Both these patients suffer my pemotional trauma. For they both en e face a sudden, basic change in bodily functioning. They may be angry, frightened, or depressed. This upset probably will be less severe for the patient who faces a temporary colostomy only, more severe for the one who knows that colostomy or ileostomy will be permanent.

> ▶ The importance of the nurse's attitude.

By accepting the patient and his handicap matter-of-factly, the nurse can do much to help him make a good adjustment. This is g, smile especially important during the early post-op period. Before trying to counsel the patient, she'll t and want to get all the facts from his physician. For if she has wrong information, she may do the papoten tient more harm than good.

When the patient first sees the in asm colostomy or ileostomy, he can't nales in help but be upset. He may deelop deep-seated feelings of elf-rejection and despair.

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If the nurse obviously avoids hanging his dressing, or inadvertently shows distaste while doing this task, she'll enforce the patient's self-rejection. But if she cheerfully goes about her duties just as she does with every other patient, her attitude of acceptance will help the patient immeasurably.

Giving colostomy care.

In the past, many a colostomy patient had to wear a drainage bag. Irrigation was often necessary, too.

Today, control of fluid intake and of diet has greatly reduced these practices. In place of the drainage bag, a gauze dressing is usually sufficient. This may be covered by waterproof material and held in place by adhesive or by an elastic belt.

Since digestive enzymes aren't active in the colon, skin maceration seldom develops. Washing the colostomy with soap and water, followed by thorough drying. usually are all that's needed. If irritation develops, an aluminum paste or a zinc oxide ointment may be used. (A chlorophyll or charcoal preparation is sometimes added to the dressing to help prevent odor, although this measure usually is of questionable value.)

If irrigation becomes neces-

COLOSTOMY AND ILEOSTOMY PATIENTS

sary, there are two points to remember: (1) Unless otherwise ordered, do the irrigation at the same time each day, either an hour before or an hour after a meal; (2) let the patient help until he's able to do the irrigation himself.

Here's the procedure:

Assemble, on a tray, the irrigating can and tubing, a clamp, a small basin, an 18-French catheter, a urinal, a lubricant, two abdominal pads, a sterile dress-

ing, and a sheet. Then prepare the prescribed solution (usually 1,500 cc. of tap-water saline, or whatever is ordered, at 105° Fahrenheit).

Unless the patient is bedfast, help him to the bathroom. Drape him as he sits on the toilet, then remove the soiled dressing.

Now, holding the abdominal pads under the stoma, place the basin against them. Ask the patient to hold the basin firmly in place. Lubricate the catheter and

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My Most Unforgettable Pat

Julio, aged 18 months, was the kind of patient every pediatric nurse dreams of: cheerful and affectionate in spite of acute discomfort.

He'd been hospitalized for a skin disease that covered his body with itchy lesions. Yet he smilingly submitted to an unappetizing diet and—for a time to restraints. We didn't relish the job of tying him, spread-eagled, in his crib. But if we hadn't, his bandages—soaked in a colloidal oatmeal solution—would have been off in two minutes flat.

Our treatment was medically effective but emotionally disturbing. Julio became irritable and began to have tantrums.

Then somebody had a bright idea. We brought a new galvanized garbage can from the stockhim into hold Surp laughing che began

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THIS ARTICLE has won an RN Award for its author, a Mill Valley, Calif., nurse.

insert it into the stoma. If resistance is met before the catheter reaches a depth of four inches, don't force it for there is danger of perforation. Allow some solution to flow, then withdraw and reinsert to the required depth.

Now, check to be sure the irrigation can is no more than twelve inches above the level of the stoma. Let the solution flow slowly. After the irrigation is completed, give the patient the

urinal to hold under the stoma. Tell him to ring for you when the solution has been expelled. Leave the room, but be readily available if the patient should need your help.

When you return, wash the skin around the stoma, dry it thoroughly, and apply the dressing before helping the patient to his bed.

▶ Giving ileostomy care.

The ileostomy patient starts out with a low-residue diet to

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BY SUZANNE GOREN, R.N.

room, scrubbed it, and half-filled it with warm oatmeal solution. Then we undressed Julio, put him into the can, and taught him to hold onto the rim.

Surprised at first, he soon was laughing with glee. Then, standing chest-high in the solution, he began splashing at us whenever we walked by.

He enjoyed his private pool 50 much that we gradually increased the time he spent in it

each day. Finally, we even fed him some of his meals while he splashed happily about.

The new treatment worked so well that Julio began to improve rapidly. He was discharged much earlier than had been expected.

I've seen hundreds of children treated with costly equipment. Yet no other one lives in my memory like that little boy who smiled at me over the rim of a can labeled "GARBAGE." END

help control excessive leakage from the ileostomy. Some food restrictions may then be gradually removed. Foods with much residue and strong intestinal stimulants are avoided.

The patient wears an absorbent dressing or a disposable plastic bag until he's fitted with a permanent appliance. The nurse changes the temporary bag at least once daily. In some instances she may have to change it after he awakes; after breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and at bedtime.

The appliance must be cemented to the patient's skin. So the first time, the doctor usually applies it. Thereafter the nurse changes and cleans it.

The Permanent Appliance

The permanent appliance consists of a flat rubber (or disposable plastic) bag and a belt. A disk-rimmed opening on one side of the bag fits over the stoma and is cemented to the skin. The bag has an opening at the bottom for emptying accumulated fluids. Metal flanges slip over the belt.

When replacing a soiled bag with a clean one, you need the following: a basin of warm water and one of soapy water, a kidney basin, a medicine dropper, sponges, tissues, ileo cement, a cement solvent, karaya gum powder, talcum powder, and the clean bag.

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After draping the patient, draw up cement solvent into the medicine dropper and apply it to the skin surrounding the disk of the soiled bag. As the cement dissolves, gently pull the disk away from the skin. Then place the soiled bag in an empty basin.

Wash the skin around the stoma and dry it thoroughly (but don't rub). If the doctor has ordered a skin medication, apply it. If not, dampen the skin and sprinkle it with karaya gum powder.

Now spread a thin layer of ileo cement around the base of the stoma. Spread the cement slightly beyond the area that the disk will cover. Allow the cement to become gummy, sprinkle more gum powder on it, then add a second layer of cement. Now apply the cement to the disk of the clean bag.

When this too has become gummy, carefully place the disk close around the ileostomy. Then

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When a Young Friend Asks You About

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Preparing for Nursing



Perhaps your niece or nephew, or the daughter or son of a friend, is considering a career in nursing. (More boys are going into nursing than formerly, and the number is expected to increase.)

"But," your young friend complains, "some of my classmates are talking about a two-year nursing program. Others, about a three-year program. And Susie Jones says *she* is enrolling in a program on the college level,' as she puts it, that will take four years! Just how do these programs differ? Which one is the best for me?"

Nursing is changing so rapidly today that those two questions pose a real challenge for the conscientious nurse.

The chart on the next page will help you answer your young friend's first question. Then, by getting information from schools and colleges representing the three programs, she (or he) can answer the second question satisfactorily.

Of course, you'll want to add what you know from your own experience. This, plus knowledge of your young friend's abilities can help you guide her (or him) in making a wise choice.

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	What You Study		Nursing.
Nursing theory and practice; general sub- jects (basic sciences, the liberal arts) at jun- ior-college level	Nursing theory and practice; general sub- jects, primarily in the basic sciences; often some courses in the liberal arts	Nursing theory and practice coordinated with college-level courses in general education, basic sciences, the humanities, the arts	General under sur hospital of stitution
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Usually in a nursing school dormitory (some schools allow students to live at home) At home, or in the college dormitory, or in a sorority or fraternity house, or in another approved residence

The Diploma or Degree You Earn

Associate Degree in Nursing, or in Science, or in Arts

Diploma in Nursing

Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing

What You're Prepared to Do on Graduation

General duty nursing under supervision in a hospital or similar institution

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The same, with progression to head nurse in some hospitals; or, if your program is approved for public health nursing by the N.L.N., staff nursing in a public health agency, or school nursing

If You Want to Continue Your Education

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Colleges and universities with nursing programs may grant credit of up to two years toward a bachelor's degree

Colleges and universities may admit you for study toward a master's in fields such as administration, education, research

'YOU Make Out the Time Sheet, Please!'

So many R.N.s complained about the work schedule that the head nurse lost her temper. Here's what happened

By Charlotte Isler, R.N.

We sat at a corner table in the coffee shop of the Hackensack (N.J.) Hospital. Mrs. Jacqueline Willingham, O.R. supervisor and assistant director of nurses, introduced me to the other R.N.s present: Bertha Garbarini, head nurse on the surgical floor; Jeanne Downs, general duty nurse on the same service; and Barbara Frimmel, an orthopedics staff nurse.

"What is it you'd like to know?" Mrs. Willingham asked.

"I've heard that some of your nurses have worked out a new approach to an old problem: the weekly time sheet." Mrs. Willingham smiled. "Bertha can tell you about that."

"Fine," I said, reaching for my notebook. "Suppose I jot down the details as all of you give them to me."

MISS GARBARINI: The story started during my first year as head nurse on the surgical service. I used to get nervous every time I had to make out the next week's assignments. I'd fuss and struggle to give each nurse the duty hours and the time off she wanted. But no matter how hard I tried, someone complained.

One day I decided that I'd had it. When the next nurse ap-

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THE TIME-SHEET SYSTEM in use at the Hackensack (N.J.) Hospital is explained to the author (seated, right) by these R.N.s: (left to right) Barbara Frimmel, Bertha Garbarini, Jacqueline Willingham, and Jeanne Downs.

proached me, I was ready. "All right," I said, "if you think you can do it any better, go ahead. You make out the time sheet!"

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Miss Downs: From then on, each nurse on our floor took turns doing the sheet two weeks at a time. When my turn came, I thought the job would be simple. The time sheet has just so many spaces for each day. As I saw it, all I had to do was fill the spaces with names. So I did that. Then I double-checked to be sure my

schedule had the right number of people for each shift.

After I'd posted the sheet I felt pretty smug—for a few minutes. Then the girls took a look and started complaining.

MISS GARBARINI: Yes, Jeanne soon learned how rough the time-sheet chore can be! As we passed this duty from nurse to nurse, I told each that any criticism would go to her, not to me. That was a real relief for me.

Miss Downs: And a real ed-

ucation for the rest of us! (Laughter.)

There was so much dissatisfaction with my first time sheet that I tore it up and started over. This time I asked each girl if she had any special request for time off. Then I checked the standing-requests book. This told me which nurses had permanent preferences for days off. But the book didn't tell me what to do if permanent requests conflicted with special requests!

By much maneuvering, I managed to figure out a time sheet that took care of most requests. After it was posted, I found that some girls who hadn't made requests were unhappy. For example, one day-shift R.N. complained because I'd put her down for 3 to 11 P.M. on Thursday. I'd done that so I could give an afternoon nurse the weekday off she had requested. Another protested that her two days off came too early in the week. And so on.

MISS GARBARINI: As an onlooker, I began to see that some dissatisfaction occurred no matter who made out the time sheet. I realized that I'd been too concerned with trying to please everyone. MISS DOWNS: And I worried because I wasn't pleasing everyone. So I tried still harder to give each nurse the time that suited her. But when I did, I was the only one left to take the hours nobody else wanted. That was some price to pay for friendship! (More laughter.)

MISS FRIMMEL: In orthopedics we've found that cooperation among the nurses helps solve the scheduling problem. Before the time sheet is made out, we get together and discuss our preferred hours. After reaching an agreement, we give our requests to the head nurse.

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MRS. WILLINGHAM: Illness, absenteeism, and resignations are the biggest problems faced by every department. No matter how carefully a time sheet has been worked out, one of these can really wreck it. Then we must call on the staff to work extra time or less desirable hours. This is when complaints reach a peak.

Miss Garbarini: At this point the girls are likely to come to the head nurse and ask: "Why do we get the extra work? Can't it Continued on page 86



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The Status Of the Antibiotics

BY MORTON J. RODMAN, PH.D.

In this, the second of two articles on the subject, the author considers some of the broad- and specialspectrum antibiotics and their uses

The broad-spectrum antibiotics have helped to change the whole picture of infection treatment since their introduction about a decade ago. First, let's consider the several closely related compounds classed as tetracyclines and one of a different chemical structure called chloramphenicol (Chloromycetin). Then we'll look at some others.

These drugs can control a

wide variety of microorganisms —not only bacteria but many other kinds of pathogens, including protozoa, rickettsia, and certain large viruses. They've helped patients with amebic dysentery. Sometimes they've saved victims of rickettsial diseases (such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and typhus), viruscaused psittacosis (parrot fever), lymphogranuloma, and primary atypical pneumonia. (They are not effective, though, against the small viruses responsible for such diseases as the common cold, influenza, polio, measles, mumps,

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THE STATUS OF THE ANTIBIOTICS

chicken pox, smallpox, or viral hepatitis.) These drugs are often used in bacterial diseases that don't respond to penicillin or streptomycin. For instance, the tetracyclines control brucellosis (undulant fever), pertussis But (whooping cough), and certain ance thard-to-treat types of meninginese at tis. And chloramphenicol over consider comes typhoid fever. (It's the velinese only drug that does.)

Some Broad- and Special-Spectrum Antibiotics

BROAD-SPECTRUM ANTIBIOTICS

Chloramphenicol, U.S.P. (Chloromycetin)

Chloramphenicol palmitate, N.N.D. (Chloromycetin Palmitate)

Chloramphenicol succinate (Chloromycetin Succinate)

Chlortetracycline calcium, N.N.D. (Aureomycin Calcium)

Chlortetracycline HCl, U.S.P. (Aureomycin HCl)

Demethychlortetracycline (Declomycin)

Oxytetracycline, U.S.P. (Terramycin)

Oxytetracycline with glucosamine (Cosa-Terramycin)

Oxytetracycline HCl, U.S.P. (Terramycin HCl)

Pyrrolidinomethyl tetracycline (Syntetrin, Velacycline)

Tetracycline, U.S.P. (Achromycin, Panmycin, Polycycline, Tetracyn)

Tetracycline and citric acid (Achromycin V)

Tetracycline with glucosamine (Cosa Tetracyn)

Tetracycline HCl, U.S.P. (Achromycin HCl, Panmycin HCl,

Polycycline HCl, Steclin, Tetracyn HCl)

Tetracycline phosphate complex, N.N.D. (Panmycin Phosphate, Sumycin, Tetrex)

NEWER ANTIBIOTICS SOMETIMES EFFECTIVE AGAINST OTHERWISE RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCI

Carbomycin, N.N.D. (Magnamycin)

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ntries on wenthese rtain ince their introduction when inginese antibiotics have caused over onsiderable alarm. The tetrathe velines, for example, sometimes have been held responsible for

setting off explosive superinfections. And chloramphenicol has been found at times to damage bone marrow and cause blood diseases.

Chloramphenicol is now re-

rythromycin glucoheptonate, N.N.D. (Ilotycin Glucoheptonate) rythromycin lactobionate, N.N.D. (Erythrocin Lactobionate) rythromycin propionate, N.N.D. (Ilosone Propionate) rythromycin stearate, N.N.D. (Erythrocin Stearate) Sovobiocin calcium, N.N.D. (Albamycin Calcium, Cathomycin Calcium)

Sovobiocin sodium, N.N.D. (Albamycin Sodium, Cathomycin Sodium)

leandomycin phosphate, N.N.D. (Matromycin)

stocetin, N.N.D. (Spontin)

riacetyloleandomycin, N.N.D. (Cyclamycin, Tao)

ancomycin, N.N.D. (Vancocin)

SCELLANEOUS SPECIAL-SPECTRUM ANTIBIOTICS

Imphotericin B, N.N.D. (Fungizone)

acitracin, U.S.P. (Baciguent)

olistin methanesulfonate sodium (Colymycin-M)

olistin sulfate (Colymycin S)

umagillin, N.N.D. (Fumidil)

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phate, Jeomycin Sulfate, U.S.P. (Mycifradin Sulfate, Myciguent)

ystatin, N.N.D. (Mycostatin)

aromomycin (Humatin)

olymyxin B sulfate, U.S.P. (Aerosporin Sulfate)

vrothricin, U.S.P. (Soluthricin)

whites on this list start with the official or generic name of each drug, followed in conact tentheses by its trade name(s) and/or synonym(s).

served mainly for severe infections not readily controlled by other antibiotics. During treatment, blood counts are made frequently. If signs of marrow damage appear, the drug is instantly discontinued.

When They Work Too Well

Proper precautions can keep down tetracycline side effects, too. These stem mainly from the fact that the antibiotics sometimes work too well. By wiping out normal as well as pathogenic bacteria, they occasionally upset nature's balance in the body. This lets some of the body's microbial flora get out of hand.

Fungi, for instance, may run riot when the broad-spectrum antibiotics eliminate their bacterial enemies. But now, new antifungal antibiotics can be used to help control overgrowths of monilial organisms. By giving nystatin (Mycostatin) or amphotericin B (Fungizone) together with tetracyclines, such superimposed fungal infections may be suppressed.

Like the fungi, some resistant strains of staphylococci also may grow rapidly when the antibiotics knock out competing organisms. New drugs now available are claimed to head off such growths. One of these, oleandomycin (Matromycin), is sometimes combined with tetracycline for this purpose.

Other new antibiotics are useful for treating resistant staph infections after they start. They include novobiocin (Albamycin, Cathomycin), triacetyloleandomycin (Cyclamycin, Tao), and erythromycin (Erythromycin, Ilotycin). A new ester of erythromycin, called erythromycin propionate (Ilosone), reportedly reaches especially high blood levels for relatively long periods.

These drugs are used for more serious resistant infections or for patients allergic to penicillin and the older drugs. Some authorities insist they shouldn't be used to treat minor infections—specifically, the common cold. In some areas where they've been used unwisely, staph strains resistant to them are already developing.

Two other antibiotics, ristocetin (Spontin) and vancomycin (Vancocin), have saved the lives of patients critically ill with acute staphylococcal endocarditis and staph pneumonias.

Both drugs are potentially Continued on page 90

Those Skin Blemishes: Harmless or Dangerous?

By Herbert Conway, M.D.

In the war against cancer, doctors repeatedly stress the value of early detection. Skin cancers in particular, they say, have an excellent prognosis if found and treated early.

During the warm weather, people often become more aware of skin blemishes they've overlooked or ignored until they exposed their skin for summertime activities.

They may come to the nurse with questions about these blemishes. So, she can do a real service by arming herself with information that will help her answer such questions accurately; and by promoting skin-cancer awareness among patients, relatives, and friends.

Here a specialist gives the latest information about skin blemishes—what they are, how to recognize possible malignancies, and what can be done about them.

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M any potentially malignant skin blemishes can be identified early and treated effectively. These are the two most easily recognized danger signs:

¶ A blemish appears suddenly and then does not disappear within three weeks.

¶ A mole, nodule, wart, or other blemish undergoes changes in size, shape, or consistency; or it becomes either inflamed or ulcerated.

By recognizing such signs and then by exerting influence to get the patient under competent medical care at once—the nurse can help the physician to prolong or, in many cases, to save the patient's life.

With these facts in mind, let's consider some common skin blemishes which patients often ask about.

▶ Moles (or nevi).

The average person has between twenty and thirty moles. Usually he's born with the number he has in adulthood. But he may not be aware of them until they enlarge, or become elevated or pigmented.

For example, a teen-ager or a

pregnant woman may become concerned when a mole "sudde ly" appears. Actually, the moles been present all along. It the stepped-up hormonal activity of puberty or of pregnancy in caused an intensification of skin cell pigments, including pigment in the mole.

A mole is simply a group cells in and under the skin's so face. Those that can be seen m be flat or raised, hair-bearing hairless, pigmented or nonpimented.

Most moles are benig growths. But some are pred posed to malignant change. It junctional nevus (so-called he cause it occurs at the junction the dermal and epidermal tiss layers) is the most likely to a dergo such change.

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However, any mole subjects constant irritation—say, from clothing or from irritants such strong sunlight—should be a moved before it has an opportunity to undergo malignate change. For moles on the sol of the feet, the palms of the hands, and the genitalia, surgion excision is definitely indicated

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TATTOOING OVER a port-wine stain, New York Hospital surgeons use the Conway Dermajector, a multispiked, power-driven instrument, to force flesh-color-matching pigments into the patient's skin.

A melanoma is a highly malignant mole and usually is fatal in a short time. For it can spread by way of the blood stream and the lymph channels. The physician cannot recognize a melanoma merely by inspecting it. So, bearing in mind that it spreads ndicated via the blood stream, the only wise thing is surgical excision of ew York the entire lesion for microscopic omas, 5pt examination of the specimen,

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Electrodesiccation of a mole (removal by cauterizing with an electric needle) is unwise for these reasons: (1) the scar it leaves may, in itself, require surgery; (2) the remaining tissue may undergo malignant change because of irritation; (3) the physician isn't able to find out

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Your guide to the medical specialties

By John Winslow

"What's the difference," a patient may ask you, "between an orthopedist and an osteopath?"

That question is easy to answer. But try these: Is an optician the same as an oculist? How does the work of an ophthalmologist differ from that of an optometrist? Are any of them M.D.s? If so, which?

To help you answer these and similar questions, RN brings you an up-to-theminute chart (beginning on next spread) giving the medical specialists, their fields, and the scope of each field. In keep is are de apply tion o tic sur

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Yet major aspect guide In referring to the chart, you'll want to keep in mind that because these specialties are described briefly, some exceptions may apply. For example, consider the description of the anesthesiologist and of the plastic surgeon:

The chart indicates that the anesthesiologist deals with operative conditions requiring administration of anesthetics. By extension, this can be assumed to include all surgery done by the plastic surgeon.

Actually, for some office surgery (such as the removal of a wart), the plastic surgeon may administer the anesthetic himself—though he may consult an anesthesiologist first.

Also, bear in mind that M.D.s sometimes disagree on where the line should be drawn between two given specialties. For instance, some pediatricians contend that child care properly begins with conception. Thus, their field—by such definition—overlaps with that of obstetricians.

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Yet, most practitioners do agree on the major aspects of their specialties. These aspects are given on the RN chart—your guide to the medical specialties.



A Check-List o Med

SPECIALIST	CONDITIONS HE DEALS WITH	SPECI
ALLERGIST	Asthma, hay fever, and skin reactions resulting from sensitivity to plants, foods, cosmetics, industrial sets stances, etc.	Allergy
ANESTHESIOLOGIST	Conditions, usually surgical, requiring administrates of anesthetics, especially for operation	Anesthes
CARDIAC SURGEON	Abnormalities of the heart and great vessels require surgical treatment	Cardiae
CARDIOLOGIST	Cardiovascular disorders, such as coronary thrombousis, hypertension, arteriosclerosis, valvular heart a ease	Cardiolog
CHEST SPECIALIST	Diseases of the lungs, pleurae, and mediastinum	Diseases Chest
DERMATOLOGIST	Conditions of the skin and scalp; e.g., acne, psorial impetigo, dermatophytosis ("athlete's foot"), etc.	ermatole
ENDOCRINOLOGIST	Disorders of the ductless glands (thyroid, paraller roid, ovarian, testicular, adrenal, pancreatic, platary, pineal)	Indocrino
GASTROENTEROLOGIST	Disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and its are sory organs of digestion	astroente
GERIATRICIAN	Chronic illnesses of the elderly, such as arthritis, a culatory conditions, dietary deficiencies, digest disorders	eriatries

Medical Specialists (M.D.s)

	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTIES	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
ng fra ial sui	Allergy	Internal Medicine Pediatrics	Qualified internists and pediatricians may be certified in the subspecialty of allergy by their respective specialty boards
istratu	Anesthesiology		Nurse-anesthetists (C.R.N.A.s) are certified by the American Association of Nurse-Anes- thetists but are not classified as medical spe- cialists
equiris	Cardiac Surgery	Thoracic Surgery	Cardiac surgery is a relatively new specialty without (as yet) its own certifying board. There is, however, board certification in thor- acic surgery
thromb leart di	Cardiology	Internal Medicine	Qualified internists may be certified in the subspecialty of cardiology by the specialty board for internal medicine
num	Diseases of the Chest	Internal Medicine Phthisiology, or Specialization in TB	Surgical treatment is referred to thoracic surgeons
psories		Syphilology	Dermatologists often diagnose and treat venereal disease also. They sometimes use surgical or radiotherapeutic techniques for some skin lesions
, parath		Pathology Internal Medicine	Studies in endocrinology are often made by chemists, physiologists, pharmacologists, etc. Some of these are not M.D.s. Some internists limit their practice to the clinical aspects of endocrinology
its acc	astroenterology	Internal Medicine	Surgical treatment is usually referred to general surgeons. Qualified internists may be certified in the subspecialty of gastroenterology
thritis.		Internal Medicine	Surgical treatment is usually referred to general surgeons or orthopedists. Geriatrics is a relatively new field of subspecialization
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SPECIALIST	CONDITIONS HE DEALS WITH	SPE
GYNECOLOGIST	Disorders involving women's reproductive organs	Gynec
HEMATOLOGIST	Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs	Hemat
INDUSTRIAL PHYSICIAN	Injuries and illnesses (such as respiratory disorder toxic reactions from chemicals and fumes) resulting from industrial employment; promotion of plant safety, sanitation, and hygiene; early detection of disease; rehabilitation, etc.	Occup Med
INTERNIST	Internal illnesses of adults, such as diabetes, tube culosis, stomach ulcers, kidney and liver ailment digestive and nutritional disorders	Interna
NEUROLOGIST	Diseases of the nervous system, such as cerebral parts, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy	Neurole
NEUROSURGEON	Diseases of and injuries to the brain, spinal cord, as peripheral nervous system	Neurosi
OBSTETRICIAN	Pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal disorders	Obstetri
ONCOLOGIST, OR CANCER SPECIALIST	Malignancy	Oncolog
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Eye diseases and visual defects requiring surger medical treatment, or refraction	Ophthal

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	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTIES	SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
ns	Gynecology	Obstetrics	Gynecology includes surgical treatment. Many gynecologists also practice obstetrics
is	Hematology	Internal Medicine Pathology	Basic studies in hematology may also be made by histologists and others who are not M.D.s; lab and microscopic analyses, by pathologists. Treatment may be given by internists, espe- cially M.D.s trained in hematology
sorders esultin ort safe of dis	Occupational Medicine	Dermatology General Surgery Internal Medicine Ophthalmology Orthopedics Preventive Medicine	Occupational medicine is closely allied to the preventive aspects of public health work. Industrial physicians may be certified by the American Board for Preventive Medicine
, tuber	Internal Medicine	Subspecialties: Allergy Cardiology Diseases of the Chest Gastroenterology, etc.	Internists are especially qualified in diagnosis and often function as consultants. They do not do surgery
bral pa		Psychiatry, or Neuropsychiatry	Neurology and neurosurgery are separate but complementary specialties
eord, a	Neurosurgery	Neurology	Neurosurgeons and orthopedists are some- times associated in spinal operations, but their specialties are otherwise not related
TS	Obstetrics	Gynecology	Many obstetricians also practice gynecology
	Oncology	Pathology All specialties in- volving cancer	Oncology includes pathologic study and treatment (mainly surgical) of tumors in all parts of the body
g surg	Ophthalmology		Ophthalmologists are M.D.s. Optometrists (qualified to prescribe and supply glasses) and opticians (qualified to fill prescriptions for glasses) are not M.D.s. The word "oculist" is used loosely to mean either an ophthalmologist or an optometrist
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SPECIALIST	CONDITIONS HE DEALS WITH	NA SPE
ORAL SURGEON	Diseases of the mouth, teeth, gum, tongue	Oral S
ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, OR ORTHOPEDIST	Deformities, fractures and other injuries, dislocation and diseases of the musculoskeletal system	Orthor Orthor
OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGIST, OTOLARYNGOLOGIST, OR ENT MAN	Disorders of the ear, nose, and throat, especially the requiring surgical or specialized local treatment	Otorhi ogy, Otolary
PATHOLOGIST	Any condition requiring gross, microscopic, or oth laboratory analysis (including postmortem examin tion) of tissue, fluids, and other body specimens	Patholo
PEDIATRICIAN	Diseases and disorders of childhood from birth to a 12 or 14, including congenital defects, mental deciencies, behavior problems, etc.	Pediatr
PHTHISIOLOGIST, OR TB SPECIALIST	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Phthisio Special
PHYSIATRIST, OR SPECIALIST IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION	Physical defects and postoperative conditions to can be corrected or improved by the use of heat. ter, exercise, prostheses, and other modalities techniques	Physica
PLASTIC SURGEON	Defects of the tissues resulting from congenital or es, such as harelip; from accidents, such as har and from disease processes, such as skin cancer	Plastic
PROCTOLOGIST	Diseases of the colon, rectum, and anus	Proctol
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	NAME OF	SPECIALTIES	SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
	Oral Surgery	Plastic Surgery	Some aspects of oral surgery (such as tooth extraction) are closely allied to dentistry. All oral surgeons are M.D.s; most dental surgeons are not
eating	Orthopedics, or Orthopedic Surgery		Does not include care of bones in the head or anterior thorax. Osteopaths (D.O.s), often confused with orthopedists, are not M.D.s
lly the	Otorhinolaryngol- ogy, or Otolaryngology	Endoscopy Plastic Surgery	Many are expert in bronchoscopy and esopha- goscopy and are called bronchoscopists or endoscopists. Many specialize in surgery for the hard of hearing. Some do plastic surgery of the nose and face
or oth examin ens	Pathology		Pathology is closely allied to such basic sciences as anatomy, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, parasitology, and hematology, especially as they apply to human illness
rth to a Pediatrics ental de		Some aspects of pediatric care are closely al- lied to orthopedic, neurologic, cardiologic, al- lergic, and psychiatric care. In effect, the pe- diatrician's work corresponds in child care to that of the internist in adult care	
	Phthisiology, or specialization in TB	Internal Medicine Diseases of the Chest	Phthisiology includes the study and nonsurgical treatment of TB
itions t f heat, v alities t	Physical Medicine		Physical therapists (physiotherapists) are not classified as medical specialists. They are not M.D.s but may work under the direction of M.D.s
enital ca h as but cancer			Includes reconstructive surgery done for cos- metic purposes
	Proctology	General Surgery	Includes diagnosis and (mainly) surgical treatment; a surgical subspecialty of general surgery

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SPECIALIST	CONDITIONS HE DEALS WITH	SPE
PSYCHIATRIST, OR NEUROPSYCHIATRIST		Psychi Neuro
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER	Chronic and communicable diseases and environmental conditions that may affect the health of a population	Prever Me
RADIOLOGIST, OR ROENTGENOLOGIST	Conditions requiring the use of X-rays for diagnoss cancer, skin disorders, and other conditions requiring the use of radiation (including X-rays, radium, as radioisotopes) for therapeutic purposes	Radio Roent
SURGEON, OR GENERAL SURGEON	Injuries, growths, and diseases requiring surgery as not specifically included in the various surgical subspecialties such as gynecology, orthopedics, urolog and plastic surgery	Gener
SYPHILOLOGIST	Syphilis	Syphi
THORACIC SURGEON	Diseases of the lungs, pleurae, esophagus, medias num, and heart amenable to surgical treatment	Thora
UROLOGIST, OR UROLOGIC SURGEON	Diseases and disorders of the urinary tract in bit sexes and of the reproductive organs in the male	Urolo

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H	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTIES	SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
	Psychiatry, or Neuropsychiatry	Neurology	Clinical psychology (which is practiced in many mental-health and child-guidance clinics) is often confused with psychiatry. The confusion stems largely from the use of psychoanalysis (a form of psychotherapy) by both psychiatrists (who are M.D.s) and psychologists (who are not)
l enviros alth of th	Preventive Medicine	Occupational Medicine Epidemiology Immunology Pediatrics	Public health facilities are maintained by local, state, and Federal governments. In many areas they provide school-health and visiting-nurse services. Their staffs commonly include engineers, biochemists, toxicologists, etc., as well as M.D.s
diagnos s requiri idium, ai	Radiology, or Roentgenology	Nuclear Medicine	Some radiologists or roentgenologists specialize in diagnosis, some in therapy. Many do both. Although there is some technical distinction between radiology and the more limited term roentgenology, they are used inter changeably in common practice
surgery an urgical sub es, urolog	General Surgery	Proctology Thoracic Surgery Orthopedics	General surgeons are especially strong in ab- dominal surgery. In some localities, general surgery includes practically all surgery except that of the heart, brain, nerves, and eyes. In every locality, there is some overlap and the borders of general surgery are indefinite
	Syphilology	Dermatology	Most syphilologists are associated with public health services
ıs, mediasi ıtment	Thoracic Surgery	General Surgery Cardiac Surgery	Thoracic surgery is a subspecialty of general surgery requiring special training and experi- ence for certification
ract in both	Urology	General Surgery Gynecology Proctology	Urologists occasionally practice proctology

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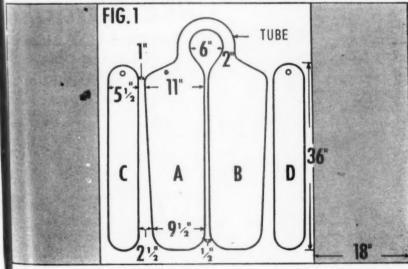
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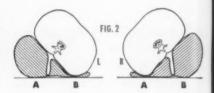
AIR CUSHIONS HELP TO TURN PATIENTS

left side so that his weight lies along cushion B. Enough air is then blown in (by mouth or pump) to half-inflate the A-B unit. But the patient's weight keeps most of the air out of the cushion on which he lies. So the air goes (via the tube) into cushion A, filling it and providing support along the patient's back.

Fig. 2 shows, in cross-section, how cushions A and B support the patient when he's lying on his left side (L) or his right side (R).

For the final step, the nurse

fully inflates cushions C and D. These keep the patient close to the midline during the turning procedure and give him added

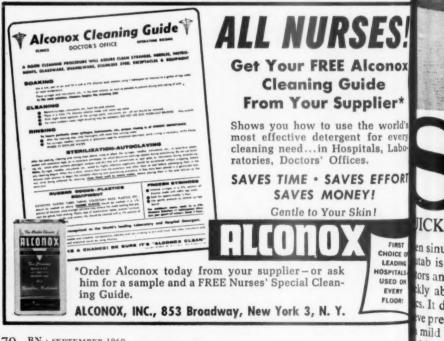


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Caring for Colostomy and Ileostomy Patients

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▶ Preparing the patient to go home.

Preparation starts, of course, the moment you begin post-op care. As you do the colostomy patient's irrigation, or change the ileostomy patient's appliance, you explain the procedure and encourage the patient to assist you. As soon as possible, you let him do each step himself.

Your matter-of-fact yet sympathetic attitude helps him to accept his handicap. But he may need reassurance about what lies ahead. For instance, he may ask these questions:

Can I go back to my former job? Will I ever be able to enjoy normal activities, including

sports? Will my marital relations be affected? Will I always have to wear an ileostomy bag?

Naturally, you'll answer him according to the circumstances. These, in brief, are the facts:

Most colostomy and ileostomy patients do resume their occupations. Most of them are able to take up their previous activities again (with the exception of certain strenuous sports). There's no change in sexual potency or in fertility, with one exception: The male colostomy patient who has had a wide cancer resection that includes the rectum may be impotent and/or infertile. (It's best to have the patient ask the doctor any questions regarding sexual function.)

As previously explained, colostomy patients usually don't need to wear a drainage bag. In fact, most doctors encourage them *not* to wear a bag but to develop control through diet and other means. Ileostomy patients must always wear a bag.

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To help themselves adjust to their disability, former colostomy and ileostomy patients have formed joint or separate clubs in many states. The most prominent of these is QT, Inc., a mutual aid organization of ileostomists. (It's TAIN'T STERILE!

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If the doctor authorizes it and if your patient is interested, you can inquire of hospital sources, or of OT, whether there's a club in the area. If there is, club members usually will visit the patient on request. They'll help you teach him how to care for himself. They'll also give him emotional support by example—the kind that only one ileostomist can give to another.

Don't 'Smother Love' Your Pediatric Patients!

By Phyllis Winter, R.N.

Sometimes a nurse—especially one who's a mother—gets to feeling so close to a pediatric patient that she follows her emotions rather than her common sense. She temporarily forgets what all R.N.s know from training and experience: that "smother love" can actually harm a patient, particularly a child. Let me illustrate:

A friend came to me, upset by a visit to the rehabilitation center for polio patients. She had called on a beautiful, bright little girl whom she and two other R.N.s had specialed for several months.

"Susan isn't adjusting satisfactorily," she said sadly.

"Just give her time," I suggested.

"But we were doing so much for her!"

I answered gently: "Susan couldn't spend her life in a private room with three special nurses. The center will teach her

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self-reliance. She'll be happier that way."

Then I told this story:

When I was on duty in the respirator room at a children's hospital, a boy I'll call John came to us. He was a sad, pitiful soul. He was able to be out of the respirator more than most other patients; and he had enough strength to sit in a wheel chair and move his extremities. But all our efforts to rehabilitate him proved futile.

In contrast, there was Peter who had been in a respirator—
"the can," he called it—for several years. He had had his share of complications: influenza, appendicitis, pneumonia. But he never ceased to be cheerful and to talk of the day he would recover.

I soon discovered the reason for John's attitude, and the reason for Peter's. John had nurses who tended faithfully to his every need. His parents visited him often. There was much hugging, kissing, and weeping. The mother, in John's presence, often implored us: "Take good care of my boy."

Peter's parents were farmers with several children. They had to go about their business of making a living and rearing a family. They and the children came to visit Peter on Sundays. But there were no scenes. They treated him as a normal member of the family whom they were proud of because he was fighting a good fight. He knew they depended on him to help himself.

The last time I saw John, he was still a whining, unhappy child. When Peter was 16, one of his dreams came true. He went to his grandmother's for Christmas, on a rocking bed. There he died, happy and unafraid. END

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Skin Blemishes: Harmless or Dangerous?

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what kind of mole he's dealing with.

People may ask you about having a mole removed for cosmetic reasons. Be sure you emphasize that the moles to be most concerned about are those that are constantly irritated, as well as those moles that appear on the plantar, palmar, and genital areas. Also, try to discover whether the patient's concern has been aroused by recent changes in the mole. Then urge the patient to see a physician. If treatment is needed, total excision followed by examination of the tissue is best.

▶ Epithelial growths.

Skin malignancies usually take this form. Of all the skin cancers, epitheliomas are the most readily cured provided (1) an early diagnosis is made and (2) the physician eradicates the lesion with the first treatment. (The American Cancer Society's estimate of 4,000 deaths expected from skin cancer in 1960 might be a much

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Epitheliomas vary in appearance. Usually they show up as irregular cell growths—nodules, or scales, or ulcerations—on the face, the backs of the hands, or other exposed skin surfaces.

The physician makes sure that a mole did not pre-exist in the same spot. Then he biopsies the growth. He finds that it's composed either of basal cells or squamous cells. Basal-cell cancers tend to burrow and kill by invading a vital organ such as

Her Goal: To Get Back to Nursing

"Polio has paralyzed my arms and legs. But it hasn't destroyed my desire to help others. I'll never be satisfied till I'm back in nursing."

Jeanice Hantz, R.N., of Liberal, Kan., means it when she makes that statement. As her first step back to nursing, she's now writing articles on polio care. Several have appeared in the Kansas Nurse and other publications.

She does her writing on a specially mounted electric typewriter. She taps the keys with a stick held in her mouth (see photo).

"Someone must insert and remove the paper," Mrs. Hantz explains; otherwise, I'm on my own."

Her plans for the future?

"I hope to teach bedside care," she says. "I'd like to start a program at the local hospital for aides and practical nurses. I'd also like to promote nurse-recruitment among high school juniors and seniors.

"Once I get these two projects going, I'll feel that I'm really back in nursing again."



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SKIN BLEMISHES: HARMLESS OR DANGEROUS?

the brain or a major blood vessel. Squamous-cell cancers spread and kill more rapidly via the lymphatics.

By surgically excising the lesion and thus eradicating the cells, the physician prevents a recurrence of the growth. In my opinion, irradiation and other forms of nonsurgical therapy do not guarantee such results. What's more, irradiation may be the cause of damage to adjacent tissue and hence necessitate surgery.

People may ask you if sunlight, electrolysis, and cosmetics can

cause cancer. Here are my answers:

Sunlight. We now know that constant exposure to strong sunlight predisposes the skin of some persons to cancer—especially if the exposed persons are fair-complexioned. For such people, sunscreen lotions and clothing provide needed protection. For others, I feel that exposure to sunlight is safe, even therapeutic. It's unwise, of course, for anyone to overexpose himself as a constant thing.

Electrolysis. I see no harm in this treatment provided it's used



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Cosmetics. So far as I know, cosmetics do not cause skin cancer.

▶ Birthmarks.

Blemishes such as port-wine stains and strawberry marks are benign conditions and do not endanger the patient medically. But they may have a harmful psychologic effect. You can assure patients with such birthmarks that they can be helped medically. (Some can conceal their blemishes with special cosmetics.)

Among the several effective treatments available, I favor tattoo. Birthmarks are a discoloration (red to blue or purple) of the skin caused by an abnormal collection of blood vessels. So it seems reasonable to treat the abnormal coloring by camouflage. In tattooing, flesh-colored pigments are injected into the skin overlying the blood vessels. This hides the abnormal coloration.

Tattooing is effective for 85 per cent of patients with portwine-type birthmarks. For others, plastic surgery is effective. Of course, tattoo pigments fade. So it's sometimes necessary to repeat this treatment from time to time. For children, additional tattooing may be needed as the skin grows and the tiny particles of pigment separate.

▶ Warts.

It is generally agreed that warts are caused by a virus. They are autocontagious, and are spread by contact with moist surfaces. It is doubtful that they undergo malignant change. Some authorities think they are psychogenic, especially in children.

Most warts appear on exposed skin surfaces. (The fingers are particularly susceptible.) Most regress spontaneously. But it's best to remove warts that are subject to constant irritation, such as those on the soles of the feet (plantar warts), or on the shaving area of a man's face.

For removal, I favor electrodesiccation. Other methods employed with good results are cryotherapy (the use of agents such as dry ice or liquid nitrogen). irradiation, and chemical cauterization.

Those are the major points you need to know to help clear up some common misconceptions about skin blemishes. By using this information, you can help control one form of cancer for which we now have effective weapons.

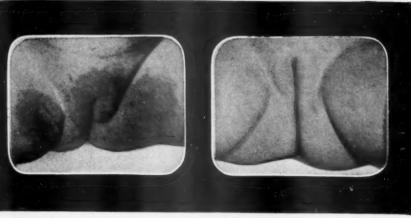
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MRS. WILLINGHAM: Theoretically, that's what our floats are for. We hope to be able to send them to whatever service is short of help on a particular day. But sometimes several services are short of help at once. So there aren't enough floats.

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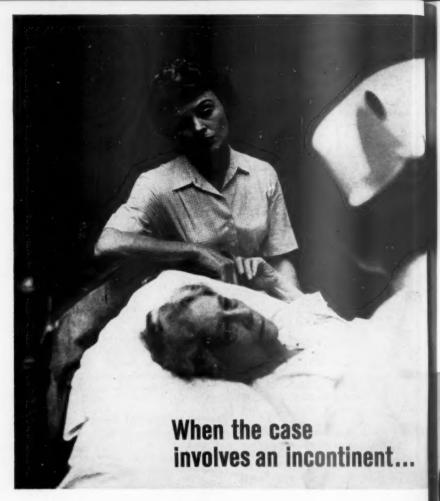
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MRS. WILLINGHAM: It seems we've wandered away from the time sheet. Is there anything we should add?

Miss Downs: I can think of one point. As I've said, at first I tried to please everyone. So did every other nurse who made out the sheet. No one completely succeeded. As a result, we now understand that each week's schedule has to be a compromise, and accept it. None of us sees any point in complaining.

MISS GARBARINI: There are two other advantages: First, the nurse's time-sheet experience comes in handy when she has to take over for me on my days off or during my vacation. Second, the experience is useful for a new graduate who comes to our service. It helps her understand the intricacies of floor staffing.

Miss Downs: "Intricacies" is right. A nurse meets plenty of them when she makes out a time sheet. Those of us who've had the experience are glad to hand the whole thing back to the head nurse!



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toxic and aren't likely to be used in the casual way that causes resistant staph to develop. They're injected intravenously, Ristocetin can cause bone marrow damage and white blood cell depletion. Vancomycin can produce deafness and kidney damage. So they're mainly reserved for seriously ill patients.

Recently, new forms of the broad-spectrum antibiotics have been introduced. These claimed to attain higher antibacterial levels in the blood and body tissues and to stay at effective levels for longer periods of time.

One, demethylchlortetracycline (Declomycin), is said to be especially long-lasting. It's eliminated very slowly by the kidneys. So only a couple of capsules daily suffice to keep some infections under control. Since the drug stays in the body for a day or two after the final dose, late flare-ups of infection are less likely.

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At best this practice is only tolerable from a legal point of view, not particularly desirable. In no event should you accept the word of a relative or friend that a doctor has ordered an injection. Always insist on a written order.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION about some legal aspect of nursing? If so, send it to William A. Regan, LL.B., care of RN. He'll relect questions for reply on the basis of their general interest. None can be acknowledged or returned.

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Occasionally, bacitracin, polymyxin, and neomycin may be given by injection. Such use is rare and occurs only when cer-

tain serious infections don't respond to other preparations. When these drugs are so administered, the risk of kidney damage and other toxic reactions is considerable.

The drugs may be given by mouth, for they don't readily pass into the systemic circulation. Instead, they tend to accumulate in the gastrointestinal tract and exert their antibacterial actions there. Neomycin and polymyxin are especially helpful when used as intestinal antiseptics.

To sum up: The antibiotics can be safe and effective or extremely toxic. Caution continues to be the keynote in their use. Doctors are constantly learning how best to employ them. With the help of these antimicrobial weapons, we can confidently expect to achieve even better control of infections in the near future.

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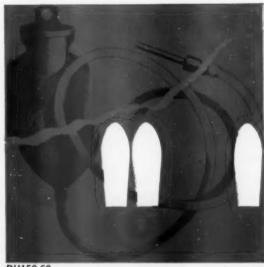
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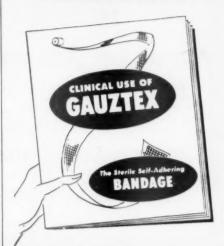
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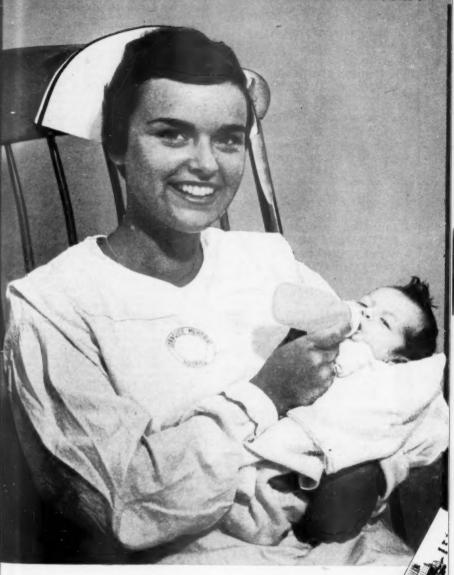
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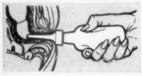




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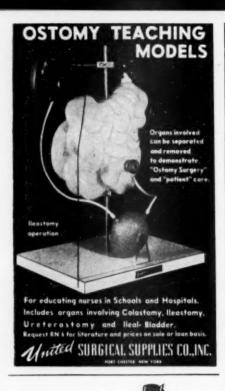
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